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SUBJECT: TEXTILES/CATEGORY 120/HONG KONG

1. DURING CONSULTATIONS AUGUST 26 IN HONG KONG BETWEEN PETER TSAO, OF HONG HONG DCI, AND U.S. TEXTILE TEAM, U.S. TEXTILE TEAM AGREED TO LIFT THE PREVIOUSLY IMPOSED RESTRAINT ON HONG KONG'S APPROVAL OF EXPORT AUTHORIZATIONS (EA'S) FOR MEN'S WOOL SUITS (CATEGORY 120). INASMUCH AS HK - U.S. BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT YEAR IS OVER ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1976, HONG KONG WOULD RECEIVE EA'S ONLY FOR EXPORTS ANTICIPATED FOR SEPTEMBER 1976; ALL SUCH EA'S WOULD HAVE TO BE RECEIVED BY DCI PRIOR TO COB ON AUGUST 31.

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2. FYI: AS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE, TSAO DID NOT WISH TO BE

TOLD OF WHAT NUMERICAL LIMIT U.S. WOULD SET ON EXPORTS OF SUITS DURING SEPTEMBER 1976. HE KNEW OF ONE POTENTIAL SHIPMENT OF 20,000 SUITS ALREADY MADE AND IN WAREHOUSES; OF COURSE, MORE EXPORTS WERE POSSIBLE BUT HE WAS NOT PERSONALLY SURE OF POSSIBLE NUMBER. U.S. TEAM AGREED TO LIFT THE RESTRAINT ON CONDITION THAT TSAO'S OFFICE INFORM U.S. CONGEN OFFICER OF RECEIPT OF EACH EA BEFORE APPROVAL; IF CONGEN OFFICER WERE TO INFORM DCI THAT U.S. OBJECTED TO A SHIPMENT, DCI WOULD IMMEDIATELY CEASE APPROVAL OF EA'S. TEAM ADVISED CONGEN OFFICER THAT EXPORTS OF 23,400 SUITS DURING SEPTEMBER WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE, LEADING TO YE SEPT. 1976 TOTAL EXPORTS OF 82,500 UNITS IN CAT. 120. THIS NUMBER WAS NOT TOLD TO HONG KONG DCI. BOTH SIDES AGREED TO CONSIDER THE NOTIFICATION OF EA'S RECEIVED BY DCI AS CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS END FYI.  
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